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Air Resources Board

Special Advisory

Cargo Tank Vapor Recovery

Certification Testing

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The Air Resources Board (ARB) administers the Cargo Tank Vapor Recovery Certification Program using a variety of forms and form letters. In order for all companies to provide the ARB with consistent and required information only Version 10 of the Cargo Tank Vapor Recovery Certification Application will be accepted after November 30, 2003. Any applications submitted after this date on non-compliant forms will be sent back uncertified. Any applications not fully completed will also be returned. For your reference, the updated Version 10 of the Cargo Tank Vapor Recovery Application has been attached to this advisory. This form is also available on the ARB website at www.arb.ca.gov/enf/cargotanks/cargotanks.htm. A blank application is also mailed to each owner/operating company with their certified verified copy of any applications they have submitted.

The Cargo Tank Program has a new PO Box. Please address all Cargo Tank correspondence to: Air Resources Board, Cargo Tanks; PO Box 1955; Sacramento, CA 95814.

Answers to some Frequently Asked Questions:

What is ARB's physical address for overnight mailings? Overnight mailings should be addressed to: Air Resources Board; 1001 I St; Sacramento, CA 98514; Attn: Brad Cole, Enforcement. All regular Cargo Tank Application should be sent to the PO Box on the application.

What information is required for 48 Hour Notification? Please provide the Cargo Tank numbers of all Cargo Tanks being tested, the name of the owner/operating company, the name of the testing company, a contact and phone number for each, the physical address where the test will take place, the date of the test, and the two hour time window of testing, such as between 8:30am and 10:30am. If the Cargo Tank number is not available, please provide the serial number or VIN. ARB will assign a Cargo Tank number to a new or new-to-California tank.

What if a Cargo Tank test is delayed or changed? If any Cargo Tank test is delayed or changed for reasons such as degassification or required repairs, ARB needs to be apprised of all changes by calling the test line at 916-327-1524 before the test takes place.

How long does it take for ARB to process applications? It takes approximately two weeks for any correctly submitted application to be processed and returned to a company. Any application submitted less than 15 days before expiration requires a \$40 fee instead of the regular \$20 fee for expedited processing.

If you have any questions please contact the ARB Cargo Tank staff at 916-322-6950.

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